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State Law Enforcement Receives Training on Preventing Terrorism

Nearly 250 law enforcement officers across Kentucky have been trained in information collection skills and suspicious activity reporting through the Information Collection on Patrol 1, also known as the InCOP 1 program.

InCOP 1 was developed by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism in Oklahoma City following the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995. Operations began five years later with a mission of preventing terrorism through technological research and the training of law enforcement officers across the United States.

Kentucky sent 10 individuals to the two-day train-the-trainer program in

Oklahoma City in 2013 to learn how to present the InCOP 1 program.

KOHS's **Lindsey Hix** along with individuals from Kentucky State Police, Louisville Metro Police Department, Florence Police Department, and the state Department of Criminal Justice Training took part in the training.

In the past year the state trainers



Intelligence analyst Lindsey Hix of KOHS during InCOP 1 presentation at Fort Knox in June.

have conducted the free three-hour InCOP 1 course in Frankfort, Mays-

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Intelligence analyst **Jonathan Heaton** briefs the KOHS Working Group about narcotics trends in the state during its semiannual meeting in May. The Working Group, which is comprised of members from private and public sectors, also received an update about intelligence activities from Fusion Center director **Mary Halmhuber**, the 2014 grants program from grants manager **Holly Downey**, and Deputy Executive Director **Aaron Horner** spoke about the "If You See Something, Say Something" initiatives and the commonwealth's preparedness report and strategic plan.

Fusion Center Holds ILO Outreach Sessions

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security's Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center is conducting a series of regional intelligence liaison officer outreach sessions across the Commonwealth this summer.

The topics presented include threat briefing; drug trafficking; Homeland Security Information Network; products and services from the fusion center; sovereign citizens and violent extremist groups; and Cuban gang thefts. Some topics may vary by location.

The upcoming sessions (all times local):

July 10—Ashland, Fire Commission office, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

July 16—Florence, Boone County

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KOHS' Wright Shares Career Insights with EKU Students

KOHS intelligence analyst **Courtney Wright** participated in a career panel hosted by the Homeland Security and Assets Protection Leaders of Tomorrow at Eastern Kentucky University.

Students from various programs in the university attended the event on March 20 to ask questions about careers in homeland security, emergency management, and assets protection. The panelists also answered questions concerning educational and career backgrounds as well as their daily job responsibilities.

The students were also interested in the application process associated with each discipline represented and inquired about job requirements, skills desired in applicants, factors that would eliminate an applicant from gaining employment, and how to prepare for an interview.



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Each panelist also answered questions one-on-one with students following the event.

Twenty-seven Agencies Awarded \$120,950 in LEPP Grants in May

Governor **Steve Beshear** announced on May 16 that 27 law enforcement agencies have been awarded state Law Enforcement Protection Program grants totaling \$120,950:



Barren County Fiscal Court	body armor vests	\$4,400
Calloway County Fiscal Court	body armor vests	\$5,500
Campbell County Fiscal Court	body armor vests	\$6,600
Clinton County Fiscal Court	body armor vests	\$2,800
Harrison County Fiscal Court	body armor vests	\$5,500
Scott County Fiscal Court	body armor vests	\$5,500
City of Auburn	body armor vests/duty weapons	\$3,900
City of Cave City	body armor vests	\$3,300
City of Central City	body armor vests	\$6,600
City of Crab Orchard	body armor vests	\$950
City of Cumberland	body armor vests	\$4,400
City of Elkton	body armor vests	\$4,400
City of Falmouth	body armor vests	\$3,850
City of Georgetown	body armor vests	\$6,050
City of Graymoor-Devondale	body armor vests	\$4,950
City of Lebanon Junction	duty weapons/ammunition	\$2,550
City of Mount Sterling	body armor vests	\$5,500
City of Prestonsburg	body armor vests	\$3,800
City of Radcliff	Tasers	\$9,600
City of Salyersville	body armor vests	\$1,650
City of Scottsville	body armor vests	\$6,600
City of Somerset	body armor vests	\$3,300
City of Stanton	body armor vests	\$4,400
City of West Buechel	body armor vests	\$6,050
Gallatin County Fiscal Court	body armor vests	\$4,950
Kenton County Fiscal Court	body armor vests	\$1,100
Lake Park-Crestview Hills	body armor vests	\$2,750



Contributing Agencies:

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 Kentucky State Police Intelligence
 FBI Louisville Division
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
 U.S. Secret Service
 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
 Kentucky State Police Headquarters Communications
 Lexington Division of Police
 Louisville Metro Police
 Kentucky Department of Corrections
 Kentucky Army National Guard
 U.S. Coast Guard
 Kentucky Fire Commission

Horner Urges Communities to Prepare for Variety of Threats

Aaron Horner, deputy executive director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, told the Green River Area Development District board that an array of potential threats faces communities in the 21st century.

While natural and manmade disasters have been the focus for many years, the top danger in the United States is now cybersecurity.

“Your government, at the state and local level, has a wealth of data,” he said at the April meeting in Owensboro. “Securing those confidential documents is extremely important.”

Horner said western Kentucky communities need to have emergency plans for earthquakes because of the region’s proximity to the New Madrid Fault Zone.

Horner also said that preparing for a disaster the magnitude of another New Madrid earthquake will also sharpen their emergency plans for lesser disasters.

Communication networks, such as cell phones, may not work during major disasters because cell towers



GRADD Photo

could be overwhelmed with calls, he said, adding that families need to develop a plan on how they will communicate.

“You do have to have meeting places, you have to have backup

plans,” Horner said.

He said officials only need to reference the 2009 ice storm in Kentucky to educate residents about the importance of having emergency supplies and plans.

Owen County Rescue One Boat Used in Search on Ohio River



Marlin Webster/Owen County Search & Rescue

A State Homeland Security Program grant for the purchase of a rescue boat by the Owen County Search & Rescue Squad was recently put to use in the search of two missing canoeists on the Ohio River

The Rescue One boat was used to provide mutual aid to Bracken and Mason counties for two days, providing a working platform for the responders and cadaver dogs, according to Rescue Squad Chief **Jackie Webster**.

“Both the dog handlers and the boat operators said the boat performed flawlessly,” Webster said. “And I am sure that there will be many more incidents that will require the use of this equipment.”

She added that grant gave the rescue squad the resources necessary to keep it prepared for events that would require a rescue boat in Owen County and other counties.



Amy DeGarmo, protective programs coordinator at KOHS, and Rick Curtis, president of Kentucky InfraGard and administrative officer at the Public Safety Department of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, man the information booth at the Kentucky Lifesavers Conference in Louisville.

Conferences, Training, Etc.

July 7-11—Police Response to Active Shooter Instructor Certification, Evansville (LE only)

July 17-18—Cell Phone Investigations, Evansville (LE only)

July 21-23—Richmond Police Department-SKIDDS/CATS Class, Richmond (LE only)

July 22—Identifying and Combating Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, Evansville (LE only)

July 29-30—Advanced ICS 400, Highland Heights

July 28-Aug. 1—FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute, Paducah (LE only)

Aug. 4-8—Undercover Agent School, Evansville (LE only)

Aug. 25-Sept. 2—Sniper School, Lexington (LE only)

Sept. 2-5—Kentucky Emergency Services Conference, Louisville

Oct. 16—Glock Armorers Course/Recert, Evansville (LE only)

Oct. 20-24—Animal Cruelty Investigations, Evansville



Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HSIN, visit www.dhs.gov/HSIN or contact Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center at FusionCenter@ky.gov.

Fusion Center Holds ILO Outreach Sessions

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Main Library, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

July 17—Lexington, Kentucky Fire Commission, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

July 23—Hopkinsville, Pennyriple ADD office, 1-4 p.m.

July 24—Paducah, Emerging Technology Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

July 25—Owensboro, Green River ADD office, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

July 29—Bowling Green PD, 1-4 p.m.

Previous sessions have been held in Louisville, Pikeville and Somerset.

Intelligence liaison officers, law enforcement, and fire personnel are encouraged to attend. Send an email to FusionCenter@ky.gov with your name, agency, location and time if you plan to be at a session.

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ville, Louisville, Scottsville, Hopkinsville, Campbellsville, Fort Knox and Bardstown, as well as teaching the latest KSP Cadet class.

Beginning with the fundamental skill of observation, the trainers guide officers through the techniques of effective collection, the two-minute interview process, and hypervigilance on patrol, while emphasizing the need to protect civil liberties and privacy. By recognizing that it's only through surprise that criminals and terrorists can be effective, officers re-sharpen the skills needed to be the dominate force in their domain, regardless of the nature of their assignment.

If any agencies are interested in having an InCOP 1 course, contact Hix at 502-564-2081 or email Lindsey.Hix@ky.gov.

SHSP Grant Enhances Communications for Bellevue-Dayton Fire Department

The City of Bellevue purchased radio headset equipment and related items for the Bellevue-Dayton Fire Department to enhance the ability of firefighters to communicate internally during an emergency call.

Awarded \$10,000 from FY11 funds by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, the headsets enable the fire fighters to individually receive information clearly from dispatch and reply when in route to an emergency. The headsets also act as a preventive measure from hearing loss due to loud background noise.

Prior to the purchase of the new headsets, the Bellevue-Dayton Fire Department relied on outdated radio equipment that did not allow for individual communications. The new equipment will provide the community with confidence that emergency calls are transmitted and information is clearly received by the fire department.

The Bellevue-Dayton Fire Department shares a mutual aid partnership with all of the surrounding counties in Northern Kentucky, which will also benefit from the communications equipment.



Christian County CERT Helps with Cleanup After EF2 Tornado



Jim Creighton/PRRCC

Volunteers from the Christian County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Baptist Disaster chainsaw crew helped in the cleanup after an EF2 tornado hit the Greenville Road area in early May.

The volunteers cut and stacked several fallen trees in two areas hit by the storm.

The CERT teams are trained groups of volunteers in the community, under the guidance of the Penryle Regional Citizens Corps Council, that are available during and immediately after disasters. CERT members are trained in various fields such as first aid, CPR, light search and rescue, small fire suppression, evacuation and more.

On a regular basis, CERT members can be found at various community events training the public on storm safety, emergency supply kits and home preparedness. During and after disasters, CERT groups can be activated into service by County Emergency Management. — Joann Smithey

HSIN Used to Maximize Grant Workshop Efficiency

In recent years, like many other state agencies, the staffing levels at the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security have decreased, requiring all personnel to do more with less. To alleviate some of the strain, KOHS turned to the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) to help support required training associated with the 2014 Kentucky Homeland Security Grant Program.



In Kentucky, Homeland Security Grant applicants must take part in a workshop that helps guide them through the grant process to ensure they meet all the requirements for eligibility. In the past, the KOHS grant team traveled around the state to lead the workshops or applicants had to travel to Frankfort to attend training. This year, KOHS wanted to streamline the process, make things easier for applicants and refocus efforts of grant team members.

Using HSIN, the KOHS grant team was able to quickly create and record a webinar that has been used in place of in-person training. After viewing the webinar, applicants are required to complete a viewing certification form and submit it to KOHS to ensure eligibility.

“Using HSIN to create the webinar proved to be a perfect way to decrease travel expenditures for both our office and the local communities,” said **Holly Downey**, KOHS grants manager.

To date, KOHS has received 110 viewing certification forms from first responders, elected officials, public universities and area development district personnel, which have all provided positive feedback for the new process.

Downey stated that “while KOHS still believes face time with grantees is important, we are thrilled to have a cyber option available to us that enables our applicants to receive the guidance they need while keeping costs down.”

For more information on how KOHS is using HSIN to support its Homeland Security Grant Program, contact Downey at Holly.Downey@ky.gov. – **HSIN Communications**

Deadline Nears to Apply for SHSP Grants

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security will be accepting applications for the FY 2014 State Homeland Security Grant Program through July 3.

It is important that at least one representative from agencies interested in applying for a grant to watch the webinar presentation that provides information on how to apply for grants. Viewing the webinar is mandatory in order to apply.

The grants can be used by city and county governments, area development districts and public universities to purchase first responder equipment, communications, cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection.

Information about the application process can be found at www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov or by calling a grants manager at (502) 564-2081.



DHS Quadrennial Review Focuses on “Unity of Effort”

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in June released its second Quadrennial Homeland Security Review (QHSR), taking an important foundational step toward one of DHS Secretary **Jeh Johnson’s** highest priorities: strengthening departmental unity of effort.

“The 2014 QHSR sets priorities for homeland security over the next four years based on risk and charts a path forward to proactively address rapidly evolving threats and hazards,” said Johnson.

The DHS unity of effort initiative is focused on ensuring that the department

invests and operates in a cohesive, unified fashion, and makes decisions that are transparent and collaborative to drive the Secretary’s strategic guidance to results. The 2014 QHSR Report provides that strong strategic guidance and analytic foundation by outlining clear, risk-informed priorities over the next four years that will drive operational planning, analysis of resource and capability options, and sound acquisition decisions.

Four years ago, DHS’s first quadrennial review answered the question, “What is homeland security?,” laying out the vision, five mission areas, and

goals and objectives for homeland security. The second quadrennial review represents the more focused, collaborative departmental strategy, planning, and analytic capability that Johnson has named as a priority for achieving departmental unity.

In addition, the second review reiterates a commitment to five enduring missions – Prevent Terrorism and Enhance Security, Secure and Manage Our Borders, Enforce and Administer Our Immigration Laws, Safeguard and Secure Cyberspace, and Strengthen National Preparedness and Resilience.

Read more about the 2014 QHSR [here](#).